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Letter dated 29 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letter dated 23 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Israeli regime to the United Nations (S/2018/495) and pursuant to my letters dated 9 March 2017 (S/2017/205), 20 February 2018 (S/2018/142), 9 May 2018 (S/2018/445) and 14 May 2018 (S/2018/459), while rejecting the baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

Contrary to the claim in the above-mentioned letter, none of the ballistic missiles of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, since Iran, as a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, does not have such weapons nor intends to acquire them.

The repeated attempts by the Israeli regime to obfuscate the terms of paragraph 3 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015) by linking them to the criteria used under the Missile Technology Control Regime are futile and will not change the fact that there is no reference to such criteria in the above-mentioned paragraph of annex B.

The reference by the representative of the Israeli regime to the Missile Technology Control Regime, in which Israel itself is not a participant nor bound by, and to Security Council resolution 2231 (2015), which Israel has relentlessly dishonoured and undermined its provisions on a daily basis since January 2016, is part of a misinformation campaign that only the Israeli regime is capable of so doing; a shameless violator of tens of Security Council resolutions and international law.

In the meantime, the Islamic Republic of Iran, like all States Members of the United Nations, has the right to take measures necessary to strengthen its conventional defence capability and will continue to do so in order to ensure its territorial integrity and to forestall and repel any aggression against its territory.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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